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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 065490 ACTION ATHENS 22 MARCH.

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, GR
SUBJECT:FUNDING MILITARY MATERIEL ACQUISITIONS BY GREECE
REF: (A) ATHENS 0760; (B) CJUSMAG ATHENS 131345Z MAR 75
1. ON APPROPRIATE OCCASION, YOU SHOULD INFORM AVEROFF THAT, AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO GREECE IN MEETING ITS DEFENSE GOALS, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A SMALL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS TO GREECE BEYOND THE $71 MILLION PROGRAMMED FOR FY 75. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM MOD AVEROFF THAT WE ARE CAREFULLY CONSIDERING HIS ORAL REQUEST TO GENERAL BURKE OF MARCH 12 FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF GRANT MILITARY AID TO GREECE, BUT THAT WE ARE UNABLE AT THIS STAGE TO INDICATE HOW QUICKLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO HIS REQUEST.

2. FYI: BESIDES THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS THAT THE
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USG PHASE OUT ALL GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAMS, GREEK-TURKISH

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TENSIONS OVER CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN AND THE BAN ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY ARE ALSO IMPORTANT FACTORS WHICH MUST BE WEIGHED CAREFULLY IN CONSIDERING GREEK REQUEST FOR MAP. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT BOTH THESE MATTERS, AS WELL AS ABOUT COURSE OF US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS, WE DO NOT EXPECT EARLY DECISION ON GRANT AID REQUEST BY AVEROFF. THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF FMS CREDITS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR MAY BE $10 TO $15 MILLION. END FYI INGERSOLL UNQUOTE
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